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1. SUMMARY: GREEK MFA IS UNABLE TO PROCEED WITH SUBJECT AGREEMENT UNLESS TEXT CONTAINS LANGUAGE SAYING THAT NEW AGREEMENT SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS. MFA ACCEPTS VALIDITY OF U.S. VIEW THAT ARTICLE 17 OF NEW U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) PROVIDES FORUM TO DISCUSS ISSUE BUT LEAVES TO US THE DECISION ON WHETHER WE WISH TO DELAY AMATEUR RADIO AGREEMENT PENDING ENTRY INTO FORCE OF DCA. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND WASHINGTON AGENCY CONCERNS ON THIS MATTER, WE SEE MERIT IN MOVING AHEAD NOW ON AMATEUR RADIO AGREEMENT PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WOULD WIDEN COVERAGE TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS, NOT JUST OFFICIALS, WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE IN GREECE. IF WE ACCEPT GREEK PROPOSAL ON THIS POINT, WE CAN ALSO AVOID UNNECESSARILY ENCUMBERING THE DCA IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY CONVEYED WASHINGTON'S VIEWS OUTLINED IN REF A TO GREEK MFA ON FEBRUARY 24 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GREEK SIDE COULD AGREE TO U.S. APPROACH. ON MARCH 17
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MFA INFORMED US THAT IT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT U.S. TEXT CONTAINING REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC U.S. LEGISLATION AS REQUIRED BY FCC. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THE MFA IS UNABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE AGREEMENT WITHOUT MENTIONING IN THE TEXT THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS ON THE OPERATION BY SOME AMERICANS OF AMATEUR RADIOS IN GREECE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE MFA, GREEK LEGAL EXPERTS IN THE MINISTRY CLAIM IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO CONCLUDE A NEW AGREEMENT THAT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY SUPERSEDE AND THUS INVALIDATE A PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT ON SAME MATTER. AT THE SAME TIME, MFA OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING PREVIOUS JUSMAGG ARRANGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 17 IN THE U.S.- GREEK DCA, AND GREEK SIDE WOULD BE WILLING EVENTUALLY TO DO SO IN THAT FORUM. THIS WOULD MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT MOVEMENT ON THE PROPOSED NEW AMATEUR RADIO AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE SIGNATURE, LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE DCA AND THEN THE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT THE DCA FORUM WOULD ALSO RESTRICT THE DISCUSSION TO AMERICAN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN GREECE ON OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT. THE AGREEMENT WE ARE TRYING TO REACH WITH THE GOG IS MUCH BROADER IN SCOPE SINCE IT WOULD APPLY TO ANY LICENSED AMERICAN CITIZEN, OFFICIAL OR NOT, WHO WISHES TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE AN AMATEUR RADIO IN GREECE.

4. IT IS TRUE THAT IF WE WAIT FOR THE DCA TO TAKE EFFECT, THE ARTICLE 17 IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE A "PROPER FORUM" (REFTEL) FOR CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSED RADIO LICENSING AGREEMENT AND ITS SUPERSESSION OF A PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE NOT OBLIGED TO WAIT. OUR ONLY OBLIGATION IN THIS INTERIM PERIOD IS ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH SIDES IMPLICITLY ASSUMED WHEN THE DCA WAS INITIALED: NO DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE UNILATERALLY TERMINATED. THAT IS SOMETHING WHICH NEITHER WE NOR THE GREEK SIDE ARE PROPOSING.

5. THUS THE BALL IS IN OUR COURT. WE CAN EITHER SET THE MATTER ASIDE TO BE TAKEN UP AT SOME TIME AFTER THE DCA ENTERS INTO FORCE OR ADOPT THE ADDITIONAL GREEK LANGUAGE NOW WHICH WOULD CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT COVERING ALL LICENSED AMERICAN CITIZENS INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATIONS IN GREECE. WE WOULD PREFER THE LATTER. PLEASE ADVISE. MCCLOSKEY

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